

REMARKS

This Application has been reviewed carefully in light of the Final Office Action mailed May 19, 2005 ("*Office Action*"). Claims 1-21 are pending in the Application. Claims 1, 11, and 21 stand rejected and Claims 2-10 and 12-20 are objected to. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Claim Rejections - Double Patenting

The Examiner rejects Claims 1, 11, and 21 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1 and 4 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/657,661 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,370,575, which issued to Dougherty et al. ("*Dougherty*"). Accompanying this response, Applicant submits a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome this rejection. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of this application.

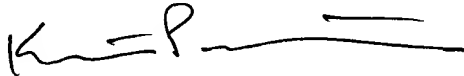
CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of the Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

No fees are believed to be currently due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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